

**MINUTES OF
CITY OF DUVALL
COUNCIL MEETING
6-27-02
7:00 PM**

WORKSHOP - 6:00 PM: POLICE FACILITY PROJECT

The City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Nixon at 7:02 PM.

Council Present: Jeane Baldwin, Mark Cole, Will Ibershof, Tom Loutsis, Mayor Nixon

Staff Present: Doreen Wise, Elizabeth Goode, Chief Merryman, Bruce Disend,
Dianne Nelson, Jodee Schwinn, Steve Schuller, Connie Zimmerman

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief of Police Glenn Merryman followed by a moment of silence in memory of King County Officer Richard Herzog, who was killed in the line of duty on Tuesday.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Under Consent Agenda add: Payroll in the amount of \$95,614.16; Claims in the amount of \$183,968.29. **Remove:** Excusing Tom Loutsis' Absence (he is in attendance).

Under Council add: Jeane Baldwin

Under Staff add: Elizabeth Goode - Update on Membrane Selection Process

Under New Business:

Remove Item #2. - Consulting Contract for Water Comp. Plan Update.

Add Item #5. - Authorize Public Works Staff to Begin Negotiations with Zenon for MBR Sewer Equipment.

Add Item #6. - Authorize the Mayor to Sign Consulting Contract with GeoEngineers

Add Executive Session: 10 Minutes for Litigation

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Diane Salz, Chamber of Commerce Chamber, announced the next general meeting will be on July 2, 2002, at 12:00 p.m. The Chamber will meet at the King County Library for a walking tour of Duvall and a history of the buildings in town. King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert will also be joining the walk.

John Willyard, 14332 - 275 Avenue NE, read a statement he prepared. He feels the City Council has chosen to postpone dealing with the safety hazard of traffic on 275th Avenue NE. He feels the City Council is putting the City at risk regarding traffic along 275th Avenue NE. He asked Council to reconsider installing stop signs along 275th Avenue NE.

Paulette Willyard, 14332 - 275 Avenue NE, commented on the 2 signs the City has put up along 275th Avenue NE. She said the signs indicate that the street is a residential area. She feels those signs are not effective since the area has never been anything but residential. She reported people are still not respecting the 25 mph speed limit. People are still not slowing down where her home is near the substation. Yesterday she was almost hit backing out of her driveway. She still feels drivers need to be stopped with a stop sign to slow them down on 275th.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Was moved and seconded (Baldwin-Loutsis) to approve the consent agenda which includes the Council Meeting Minutes of 5/9/02; Payroll in the amount of \$95,614.16; and Claims in the amount of \$183,968.29; Excusing the Absence of Councilmember Pat Fullmer, she is on vacation. Carried. (4 ayes).

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

MAYOR:

Mayor Nixon said goodbye to Elizabeth Goode, Public Works Director. She announced that tomorrow is Elizabeth's last day and she asked everyone to give Elizabeth a hand for a job well done. Mayor Nixon then announced that Steve Schuller will be the new Public Works Director. She said she is very glad to have Steve on her administrative team.

The Mayor reported on the watermain break and the traffic accidents last week. She thanked the city staff for how well they handled the watermain situation and for how quickly they notified all of the businesses that were affected by the temporary stop in water service. She also thanked the police department for flagging traffic. She emphasized that the waterline was a very old line and the break was not due to city or contractor negligence. She said the public works department decided to work the extra hours to completely repair the line rather than just mend it temporarily. She thanked the public works staff who worked so hard on that repair. Lastly, the Mayor reported that the city has not received any complaints on the various road closures. She said the King County Department of Transportation is still working on adjusting the signals to cut down on backups.

COUNCIL:

Councilmember Jeane Baldwin reported that one of the 9th Circuit Court Judges who just recently voted to ban the Pledge of Allegiance as currently written from schools has blocked his own decision until it can be heard by the full Appeals Court.

Councilmember Will Ibershof announced that the City has officially reached a population of over 5,000, therefore the City Council will be increasing to 7 members. He encouraged citizens who would like to be involved in the community to apply for either of the two open positions.

STAFF:

Elizabeth Goode, Public Works Director, said she would like to thank everyone for allowing her the opportunity to work with them. She also thanked the Council for all of the support she has received while working for the City of Duvall and she thanked her staff. She said it has been a real pleasure. Elizabeth also shared a thank you note from Doug Reece, a citizen of Duvall and a University of Washington graduate student who had contacted her asking what kinds of problems she encountered working in public works. She had suggested he look at the affects of regulatory uncertainty and the development of wastewater treatment plants in the Snohomish basin. His thesis was based on that and he provided her with a copy. She said it is really interesting and puts Duvall's problem into prospective. She said maybe it could be made available to the public at City Hall. Regarding the treatment plant and the membrane selection process, Elizabeth reported that staff is ready to make a recommendation to Council tonight on which company to negotiate with for the equipment on the wastewater treatment plant upgrade.

Doreen Wise, City Hall Administrator/Planning Director, distributed copies of an application packet for the open council positions. Doreen explained there will be two positions open and the City Council will appoint those positions. In November those positions will be up for election. One position will most likely be appointed early in August and then the 6 Councilmembers will then appoint the 7th position later in August. One position will be a two-year term and one position will be a four-year term. Doreen also reported that last week they interviewed 5 consultants for the Old Town Visioning Plan. They came up with a finalist. They will be negotiating with the consulting group Makers. She also reminded everyone that they are currently accepting applications for a task force of 9-11 members. Lastly, Doreen said goodbye to Elizabeth Goode. She said working with Elizabeth over the last two years has been more valuable than any other professional she has worked with. She said she will really miss working with Elizabeth.

Chief of Police, Glenn Merryman, reported on the bridge closure. He said the truck traffic has been lighter than expected. He reported that the County is still working to improve the traffic on NE 124th Street. He also briefly touched on a couple of incidents that occurred earlier in the week. Near Batten Road, they had a suspect flee. Yesterday Main Street was shut down for a few hours due to a suspected mobile meth-lab that was discovered during a routine traffic stop. He also reported he toured Yakima's County Jail. He wanted to report that he was impressed with the jail and impressed with the programs they have within the jail. The Chief reported he also visited the jail at the City of Issaquah, which the City will be contracting with for current jail services.

Steve Schuller, City Engineer, reported that a 3-person committee has selected the consulting firm of RH2 to draft the Water Comprehensive Plan. He will be bringing that contract forward at the next Council Meeting.

Chief of Police, Glenn Merryman, bid farewell to Elizabeth Goode. He stated that she has been absolutely the best City Engineer he has worked with in his 17 years at the City of Duvall. He said he appreciated the opportunity to work with her over the last 4 years.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. (AB02-40) Ordinance #955 Adopting 2002 Budget Amendment. *Was moved and seconded (Fullmer-Loutsis) to Adopt Ordinance #955 Adopting 2002 Budget Amendment. Motion Carried. (4 ayes).*

~~2. (AB02-41) Authorize the Mayor to Sign Agreement between the City of Duvall and Riverview School District regarding Water System, Sewer System, and Stormwater System.~~ *Was REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA*

3. (AB02-42) Authorize the Mayor to Sign Agreement between the City of Duvall and Riverview School District regarding Water System, Sewer System, and Stormwater System. *Was moved and seconded (Loutsis-Baldwin) to Authorize the Mayor to Sign Agreement between the City of Duvall and Riverview School District regarding Water System, Sewer System, and Stormwater System. Motion Carried. (4 ayes).*

4. (AB02-43) Authorize the Mayor to Award Bid and Sign Contract for the 3rd Avenue NE Improvements Project 2002, subject to the recommendation of the Public Works Committee. *Was moved and seconded (Loutsis-Baldwin) to Authorize the Mayor to Award Bid and Sign Contract for the 3rd Avenue NE Improvements Project 2002, subject to the recommendation of the Public Works Committee. Motion Carried. (4 ayes).*

5. Authorize Public Works Staff to Begin Negotiations with Zenon for MBR Sewer Equipment. *Was moved and seconded (Baldwin-Loutsis) to Authorize Public Works Staff to Begin Negotiations with Zenon for MBR Sewer Equipment. Motion Carried. (4 ayes).*

6. Authorize the Mayor to Sign Consulting Contract with GeoEngineers. *Was moved and seconded (Loutsis-Baldwin) to Authorize the Mayor to Sign Consulting Contract with GeoEngineers.*

A discussion followed regarding the hourly rates for GeoEngineers services.

Councilmember Tom Loutsis amended his motion to add the words "Subject to the Public Works Committee Approval." The amendment was seconded by Councilmember Will Ibershof.

The Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Sign Consulting Contract with GeoEngineers subject to the Public Works Committee Approval, Carried. (4 ayes).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

10 MINUTES - LITIGATION

8:03 p.m.: The Council Chambers were cleared for a 10-minute Executive Session on Litigation.

8:13 p.m.: The Regular Council Meeting was called back to order.

ADJOURNMENT:

Was moved and seconded (Loutsis-Baldwin) to Adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:14 PM.

Signed _____
Mayor Becky Nixon

Attest _____
Jodee Schwinn, City Clerk